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1. an average harvest. It is true that considerably increased quantities are officially predicted in part. However, these accounts refer to national estates and producers' cooperatives which have increased their areas of cultivation in comparison with 1950 and, therefore, could increase their relative and absolute production. The producers' cooperatives, however, include only barely a quarter of a million members even this summer [1951] and continue to constitute only a small minority of the agriculturally active population.
2. In accordance with the revised Five-Year-Plan, heavy industrial production is furthered by all available means. To accelerate work on the new iron and steel works of Dunapentele, youth and even women's Brigades are increasingly assigned there. This complex will become the largest heavy industrial "kombinat" of Hungary and will be connected with a concrete factory and a chemical works for the utilization of refuse. The machines are to arrive shortly from the USSR.
3. In order to force down the production costs, new wage contracts are currently being concluded between the individual factory managements and their labor forces but without the aid of the trade unions which had hitherto been called in for the sake of appearances. The new contracts are based upon longer working hours and new fixed norms which are hard to meet so that wage rates are only rarely reached. In order to compensate for increased working time and deteriorated conditions for earning a livelihood, vacation rights, free visits to spas and similar arrangements have been improved. The entire wage and salary system has now been put on a piecework basis and is even being applied to white cellar workers.

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